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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))  
☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)  
☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☒ The international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-14 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

☒ the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 15-19 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

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☒ the drawings:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4-4/4 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished

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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/ES 03/00511**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-18	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-18	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-18	YES
	Claims		NO

## 2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following documents:

D01: US 5094198 A, 10 March 1992

D02: US 5454259 A, 3 October 1995

D03: US 5988146 A, 23 November 1999

D04: US 6152177 A, 28 November 2000

The technical features as per claims 1-18 of the application are novel and involve an inventive step in relation to the prior art at the priority date, as represented by documents D1-D4.

The invention relates to a module for heating intake gasses entering an internal combustion engine by means of an electronic control system to which feedback is supplied by a thermal sensor arranged electrically and mechanically before the modular electric resistors located inside a manifold made of a polymer material and hence having a low melting point and being probably combustible. The module prevents a direct accidental or intentional connection between the resistors and the vehicle batteries, avoiding dangerous overheating, and in the event of any overheating occurring, it safely disconnects the resistors electronically, and hence provides automatic recovery.

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Some of the multiple components and their special mechanical and electric arrangement are described in a similar manner in prior art documents, but the integration and improvement of the constitutive subsystems would not be obvious because of its high degree of complexity and development. Nor are the novel results obtained with this solution to the technical problem of gas heating obvious, such as its safety, regulation, and modular nature with the use of plastic manifolds.